

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 30, 2009 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner newly rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mi, U.S. Publ. No. 2003/0197821, in view of Yaroschuk, U.S. Patent No. 6,882,713, and claim 3 has being unpatentable over Mi in view of Yaroschuk, and further in view of Matsunaga, U.S. Patent No. 6,541,185.

The Examiner indicates that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, and claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled.

It is believed that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration, entry of the amendment, and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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